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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM

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1. THIS TELEGRAM CONTAINS OUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TERMS OF
REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
NATO ALERT SYSTEM (REF).

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THIS COMMITTEE
IS TO ASSIST THE DPC/MC IN TIMES OF CRISIS BY MONITORING
REPEAT MONITORING REQUESTS FOR, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO
ALERT SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED CONTINGENCY PLANS. THE PROPOSAL TO
DELEGATE DPC AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THIS COMMITTEE
(PARA 2(C) REFTEL) IS UNDESIRABLE FOR TWO REASONS: (1) IT WOULD
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CREATE A "JUNIOR" DPC TO OVERSEE IMPORTANT AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE
ACTIVITIES, AND (2) IT WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES. ON THE LATTER POINT, MC 67/3 (THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM)
EXPLICITLY STATES THAT "THE DECLARATION AND CANCELLATION OF SIMPLE

ALERT, REINFORCED ALERT AND GENERAL ALERT, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL MEASURES OF THESE STAGES, ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NAC/DPC." FURTHERMORE, "ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY MNC'S ASSOCIATED WITH THE DECLARATION OF ANY STAGES OR MEASURES OF THE FORMAL ALERT SYSTEM WILL BE SUBJECT TO SUCH POLITICAL GUIDANCE OR DIRECTION AS THE NAC/DPC MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THAT TIME."

3. WHILE DECISIONS ON IMPLEMENTING THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM/NATO CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE THE PREROGATIVE OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, THE CONSULTATION AND HARMONIZATION PROCESS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE DECISIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NAC/DPC. THUS, WE RECOMMEND THE DELETION OF PARA C (AC/290-N(75)1). ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE OR COMMENTS ON DRAFT TOR FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM BY AUGUST 27.

4. THIS TELEGRAM HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH USDELMC.
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